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For: SUPPORT STRUCTURE AND GEAR
MECHANISM HAVING THE SUPPORT
STRUCTURE (as Amended)

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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2008, for which a response is due on February 17, 2009, and for which a three-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from February 17, 2009 to May 17, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the specification, including the Abstract, begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.